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Wednesday.

Darling Precious Wifie:-

This is in answer to your wonderful, darling big letter of Sunday, which I just received, and sure do hope, Lovie dear, that I can have complete solitude while writing, for I want to write you a big, big letter, to make up for all my short letters. You see, honey love, just when I am settled to write someone comes in, or calls me up, therefore interrupting me, and as I always want to get this letter on time, so you can get it at the usual time so if I should come to an abrupt halt in my letter you will know, Lovie dear, that I am busy and am forced to quit, and then I'll make up for it in another letter. Honey love, I can assure you that you certainly are a kind, loving, considerate wifie, and you may rest assured that I appreciate it and will prove to you how much I do when you will be here. Honey love, as you say, if we are spared, we will be happy together, oh so happy. For I can tell you this, love, that this separation has caused me to realize how much I love you, and dearest heart, I too, can say that it is returned equally. Honey love mine, it certainly is torture to me, this separation is! Lord, how I do wish it was over and you are with me. Day and night I am always thinking, dreaming, and talking of and about you, so you see, Lovie dear, how I yearn for you and miss you. Those shirts, dearest, I am saving for when you come, and will wear one of them on the day of your arrival. I don't want to send them to the laundry, if I possibly can help it before you come, for the laundry has ruined practically all of my shirts. Lovie, they are wonderful, and I can assure you they were indeed welcome. Thank you, love heart, for them, and when you are here, I will pay you back with a big kiss and tight hug and squeeze. Darling, I received the cards your mother sent me, yesterday. Probably to-night, to-morrow, I'll write to her and thank her and your dad for their good wishes, too. You can't imagine how happy I was to read that your dad made out so nicely, and sure do hope that at the coming season, he will make out equally well, if not better. You know, Love dear, he's a family man and wants to keep making a nice living for his family, so you can't blame him when he feels badly over the slack season coming on.

Darling mine, Sunday was the usual dreary day for me. Didn't do anything but go to shows by myself and eat and drink. Honey love, I simply can't go anywhere without you, so that's why I am waiting until you come down and then we'll have our good times, eh, sweetie? I spent my birthday as usual, by being down at the office, but sure was hoping that you, at least, would have nice time and enjoy yourself, but I see that you, too, it was the same old routine. Never mind, love heart, please God, when our other birthdays come on, we'll celebrate it together and make believe we won't be happy. I, too, wifie dear, will also be happy when the time comes around for you to say "Good-by Bellevue." I sure was pleased over the way things turned out when you showed me your the gifts I sent you. I tell you honey love, she sure does love you, and believe me, you have made me doubly happy over the way you are acting

towards her. Don't worry, lovie dear, I'll never forget it. I certainly am trying my best to get the whole family down here, if not at the same time that you come, then as soon thereafter as possible. Honey love, I hope, sincerely so, that that woman doctor will fix mondear up. Yes, darling, I want mondear to come to Memphis as soon as I get her here. Honey, I was just called up and believe I'll land a burglary case this afternoon. I expect the man who is going to retain me, to be here in a few minutes, so probably I'll not be able to write as much as I want, but if I can't, I'll try and finish what I want to say, to-night, and therefore make to-morrow's letter a big one. Honey love, you don't mind, do you? You see, lovie dear, I'm trying hard to build up a nice practice, and, as you notice, things are begining to come my way.

He's here now, love dear, and I must run over to the police court, but before I do, I've got to make arrangement with him. Honey love, before I quit, I want to tell you that I made over $100 this month so far. Will be more explicit when I write to-night. Just received your Monday's letter, darling, so will answer that, too, for my daily letter to-morrow.

Will close now, lovie, with all my love to you, my own darling, precious wife, whom I love so much, and with all my hugs, kisses and tender thoughts,

Ever lovingly your own

Shelby